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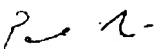
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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed on March 2, 2004. It is respectfully requested that the amendments submitted herewith be introduced.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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REMARKS

The Office Action has been carefully considered. The issues raised are traversed and addressed below with reference to the relevant headings and paragraph numbers appearing under the Detailed Action of the Office Action.

"Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102"

The Examiner has objected to Claims 1,2, 4-13, 15, and 16 as lacking novelty in view of Wellner (US 5,640,193). We respectfully submit the following points for consideration.

Wellner discloses the use of a hand-held scanner, or pen, which is able to scan the surface of an object for a particular mark. The object is then used as a form of "catalogue" or remote control to select and download various presentations such as games, TV shows or the like. This is achieved solely in accordance with information encoded on the object surface.

In contrast, Claim 1 of the present invention requires both the selection of a document request using a surface having coded data, and the extraction from a video signal of document identity data, which is then used to identify a particular document.

For example, a user is able to select, a print button, using a sensing device which, indicates a document is to be printed. This triggers the extraction of the document identity data from the video signal, which then identifies a specific document relating to the television broadcast. This document can then be printed. This is further clarified in section 8.2 of the specification. Thus Claim 1 requires a selection of document request, determination of the document from the video signal, and obtaining the document. In contrast, the prior art does not describe the extraction of a document identification data from a video signal. In view of this, we respectfully submit that Claim 1 is novel and inventive over Wellner.

Similarly, Claim 15 of the present invention also discloses a decoder for extracting from a video signal, document identity data, rendering Claim 15 novel and inventive over Wellner. The Examiner has objected to Claim 18 in view of Knowles (US 6,068,188).

We would like the Examiner to note that Knowles discloses a module which is used in conjunction with an Internet application to support a user who edits lists URL-embodied

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barcodes. These lists are then printed locally using a printer.

Claim 18 of the present invention describes the use of a printer, whereby a document is printed due to it being located by its document identity data, which in turn has been extracted by a decoder from a video signal. The extraction of a document identification data from a video signal is not described in Knowles, in view of this, we respectfully submit that Claim 18 is novel and inventive over Knowles.

"Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103"

In view of the above arguments and in view of the fact that none of the prior art described shows extracting a document identity from a video signal, we believe the independent claims are novel and inventive and that in view of this the objections raised under Section 103 are now moot.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claim rejections have been successfully traversed and addressed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims, and the application as a whole with these claims, are allowable, and a favourable reconsideration is therefore earnestly solicited.

Very respectfully,

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